

Amendments of the Drawings

Applicants enclose herewith six (6) sheets of replacement drawings, to be substituted for the drawings originally filed with the above-identified patent application.

The replacement drawings are formal versions of the informal drawings originally filed with the application. No other changes have been made. Accordingly, a separate set of annotated drawings is not deemed necessary.


REMARKS

The above-identified patent application was allowed on August 29, 2006. The issue fee has not yet been paid. Applicants respectfully request substitution, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, of the enclosed six (6) sheets of formal drawings for the informal drawings originally filed with this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed substitution of formal drawings "merely embod[ies] the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims." Accordingly, entry of this amendment would "require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the [Patent and Trademark] Office" (MPEP § 714.16).

An early and favorable action, entering the foregoing amendment, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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